

House Resolution 855

By: Representative Hembree of the 67th

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for the partisan election of all
2 state court judges, superior court judges, Judges of the Court of Appeals, and Justices of the
3 Supreme Court of Georgia; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification
4 or rejection; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

7 Article VI, Section VII of the Constitution is amended by striking Paragraph I and inserting
8 a new Paragraph I to read as follows:

9 "Paragraph I. ***Election; term of office.*** All superior court and state court judges shall be
10 elected ~~on a nonpartisan basis~~ for a term of four years in the manner prescribed for the
11 election of members of the General Assembly by the qualified electors of the judicial
12 circuit or county in which the judge is to serve. All Justices of the Supreme Court and the
13 Judges of the Court of Appeals shall be elected ~~on a nonpartisan basis~~ for a term of six
14 years in the manner prescribed for the election of members of the General Assembly and
15 the electors shall be the same. The terms of all judges thus elected shall begin the next
16 January 1 after their election. All other judges shall continue to be selected in the manner
17 and for the term they were selected on June 30, 1983, until otherwise provided by local
18 law."

19 SECTION 2.

20 The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as
21 provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting
22 the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

1 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide for the
2 partisan election of all state court judges, superior court judges, Judges of
3 () NO the Court of Appeals, and Justices of the Supreme Court of Georgia?"

4 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."
5 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If
6 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
7 become a part of the Constitution of this state.